



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation was received across the state last week. However, most areas are still well-below average for this time of year. Colorado has endured higher than normal temperatures for the 11th week in a row. Producers had an average of 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	38	43	3
Last Week	16	40	40	4
Last Year	14	28	56	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	41	43	2
Last Week	13	41	43	3
Last Year	27	41	31	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 5 percent seeded, which was slightly behind last year and the 5-year average. Spring barley was 96 percent harvested and spring wheat was 77 percent harvested by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Sorghum was 53 percent turning color and 20 percent mature. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onions were 41 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Sunflowers continued to be rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 39 percent harvested and in mostly excellent to good condition. Fall potatoes were 3 percent harvested and in mostly good to fair condition. Corn was 94 percent dough, 57 percent dent, and 10 percent mature by the end of the week. Thirty-one percent of the corn silage crop was harvested by week's end. The corn crop is in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets are still in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 24 percent cut and 8 percent harvested, with the crop in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 9, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	2	7	19	50	22
Last Year	3	11	20	47	19
Sorghum					
This Week	0	0	22	66	12
Last Year	1	5	31	61	2

Alfalfa Hay: Third cutting was 58 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: Conditions remained about the same as the previous week and are rated in mostly good to fair.

Livestock: Death loss for cattle was reported at average while sheep were below average last week. Livestock is rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 9, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	3	9	35	41	12
Prev. Year	16	28	36	18	2
5-Year Avg.	23	24	30	20	3

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 9, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Seeded	5	0	7	16
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	77	61	82	85
Spring Barley				
Harvested	96	87	90	92
Corn				
Dough	94	89	84	87
Dent	57	40	57	55
Mature	10	3	16	13
Corn Silage				
Harvested	31	17	37	32
Sorghum				
Turning Color	53	43	43	44
Mature	20	12	10	13
Alfalfa				
3 rd Cutting	58	40	55	54
Dry Onions				
Harvested	41	32	45	50
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	39	29	49	54
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	3	0	6	9
Dry Beans				
Cut	24	16	39	34
Harvested	8	3	12	14

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	7	19	50	22
Sorghum	0	0	22	66	12
Sunflowers	1	1	10	75	13
Alfalfa	1	4	24	51	20
Dry Beans	0	1	23	66	10
Summer Potatoes	0	3	19	38	40
Fall Potatoes	0	3	37	43	17
Sugarbeets	0	4	17	65	14
Dry Onions	0	3	12	61	24
Livestock	1	1	12	65	21

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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